

Memo

To: Pennsylvania Accredited Trauma Centers and Hospitals Pursuing Accreditation
From: Juliet Geiger RN, MSN, PTSF Executive Director
cc: PTSF Board of Directors
Date: September 30, 2015
Re: Revised PTSF Fee Structure

On September 17, 2015 the PTSF Board of Directors approved an increase in fees for Pennsylvania accredited trauma centers and hospitals pursuing accreditation. The increase for accredited trauma centers will occur in 2 increments. A 5% increase will go into effect January 1, 2016 and another 5% increase will be effective January 1, 2017 for Level I, II, and III trauma centers. The last time PTSF fees were increased was seven years ago on January 1, 2009.

Accredited Level IV trauma centers will also see fee increases as noted in the fee attachment. The reason for these Level IV increases is twofold: 1) The PTSF resources needed to support Level IV trauma centers are essentially identical to those needed for Level I, II and III centers; and 2) There has been a significant increase in the number of Pennsylvania hospitals that are now actively pursuing Level IV accreditation which has significantly increased the utilization of PTSF resources.

In 2016, the fee structure will remain unchanged for critical access hospitals (CAH) that attain Level IV accreditation although the 5% increase in 2017 will be applied to the CAH hospital group as well. The board is committed to supporting CAH Level IV development, which is focused in rural underserved areas.

For hospitals pursuing accreditation, education fees will increase by 5% starting immediately except for those hospitals who have already secured dates for education. Another 5% increase will occur in 2017.

Please know that the PTSF Board of Directors is very sensitive to the impact any increase in fees can have on a hospital. Unfortunately, this course of action was necessary due to the rising costs of PTSF operations. The PTSF board and staff will continue to work diligently to mitigate future fee increases by tightly managing costs through every measure possible including optimizing education through electronic means and actively seeking new sources of revenue beyond trauma center fees.

Thank you for all you do for Pennsylvania's injured patients.